

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAHARU SHIMAKAWA ET AL.) : Examiner: Justin Seo
Application No.: 10/579,515) : Art Unit: 2861
Filed: May 12, 2006) : Conf. No.: 6547
For: RECORDING APPARATUS AND)
DATA PROCESSING METHOD : January 23, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2007, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of the claims that read on Species I. The claims that read on that Species are Claims 1-10 and 16.

Also, preliminary to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows, the change to the specification appearing at page 2, those to the claims being reflected in the listing that begins at page 3, and the Remarks beginning at page 13: